

February 21, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Deanne Williams, Beth Dunning, Rick Smith, Suzanne Brinhaupt, DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner, Town Board Liaison Mike Smith

Absent: Chris Friend, Sheila French

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chr. Sheila Dilmore.

Secretary. The Parks Commission members present agreed to adopt Town Board Resolution No. 35-06 of January 4, 2006, appointing Deanne Williams as Secretary to the Parks Commission.

Lacrosse Request. John Tokar has requested use of another field for another Lacrosse team of younger children on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Parks Commission members present agreed to permitting the Lacrosse team to use the back softball fields at Minier Field, but they must purchase their own goals. DPW Commissioner, Larry Wagner will contact John and will also request a schedule of the Lacrosse practices and games.

Community Days Request. Chr. Dilmore informed the members that Mike Nicolo of the Community Days Committee has requested a "wish list" from the Parks Commission to the Community Days Committee. After discussion, the following projects were suggested:

- Bathrooms \$25,000
- Landscaping \$15,000
- Playground Equipment \$20,000
- 8 Octagonal picnic tables \$6400
- Picnic table and adult swing at Lowe Pond \$2,000
- Park Sign at Co.Rte. 64 & Main St. \$5,000
- Signs for Rails to Trails (at each end) \$10,000

Chr. Dilmore will write to Mr. Nicolo with these suggestions.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deanne Williams, seconded by Sue Brinhaupt. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Next Meeting: March 21, 2006 at Community Ctr. At
7:00 PM**

April 10, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Sheila French, Deanne Williams, Chris Friend, Rick Smith, Beth Dunning

Absent: Suzanne Brinthaup

The April 10th meeting consisted of the beginning of the Annual Parks Tour by the Parks Commission.

A short meeting was held at Community Park where Tom Dunbar of Little League explained to the Parks Commission members where they would like a fence added to the Triple A Field. All members present concurred the proposed fence should be approved.

May 16, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Sheila French, Deanne Williams

Absent: Chris Friend, Sue Brinthaupt, Rick Smith, Beth Dunning

There are no minutes for this meeting as those Commission members present continued the Annual Parks Tour by visiting Minier Field, Harris Hill Park, Golden Glow, Fawn Acres and Hillview Park.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 20TH AT 6:00 P.M. AT PINE CIRCLE
PARK TO CONCLUDE THE ANNUAL PARKS TOUR**

June 20, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Sheila French, Sue Brinthaupt, Deanne Williams, Chris Friend, Beth Dunning, Rick Smith, and DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner

Guests: Brianna Friend

There are no minutes for the Parks Commission Meeting of June 20, 2006 as the group met at Pine Circle Park to conduct the remainder of the Annual Parks Tour.

July 18, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Sheila French, Suzanne Brinthaup, Chris Friend,
Deanne Williams (late), Town Board Liaison Mike Smith (late),
DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner, Supervisor Mary Ann Balland

Absent: Rick Smith, Beth Dunning

Chr. Dilmore called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Picnic Tables. This matter was discussed and Sheila French suggested that we look at one and get more information before making a decision.

Pavilion Progress (Ext.). Larry Wagner updated the Commission members present on the new pavilion in Community Park Extension. He reported the roof is done, water service is in, forms for concrete floor are done and concrete should be started to get poured this week. A quote for electric work was received from Clark Electric and Mills Electric was called for a second quote but Larry hasn't heard from them as yet.

Lowe Pond Park Dedication. Plans are underway for the dedication of the park at Lowe Pond on September 9th.

Lowe Pond Park Name. Memorial Park was discussed as the name for the park and the Town will provide the signs.

Rails to Trails. Chris Friend will contact Bob Byland concerning marking both sides of the trail with signs such as East Trail and West Trail.

Whitney Park Fence. DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner distributed GPR profiles and conclusions from the tests done at the park. After discussion it was agreed to fence the area directly behind the Cemetery (GPR grid 7). Larry will look into replicating the fence that is there now for this purpose.

2007 Budget. Larry discussed the following items for next year's budget:

Tennis Courts repair (Hillview Park)

Grading Proposal for Whitney Park

Engineering Proposal for septic & design for bathrooms

(Comm.Park)

Concession Stand (Comm. Park Ext.)

Connecting Community Park and Community Park Ext. with a
"pedestrian friendly" area.

Climber toy for Community Park requested by Sheila French

Chr. Sheila Dilmore adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 15, 2006 AT 7:00 p.m.- COMMUNITY CENTER

August 15, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Sheila French, Deanne Williams, Chris Friend, Beth Dunning, Rick Smith, Suzanne Brinthaup, DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner, Town Board Liaison Mike Smith

Guests: Mark Sozanski, Boy Scout Troop 87 Leader, Jon Von Tol, Troop 3097 Leader, Jake Boylan, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 3097, and Lisa Boylan, Jake's Mother

Chr. Sheila Dilmore called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Eagle Scout Projects. Mark Sozanski and Jon Von Tol explained the Eagle Scout Program and stated that they have some Boy Scouts looking for Eagle Scout projects and asked if the Parks Commission had any suggestions for them. Several suggestions were made; such as making new Parks brochures, Rails to Trails brochures, marking the Rails to Trails project with east and west signs, clearing the parking lot on Maple St., working on improving the natural area in Whitney Park, construction of bluebird and bat houses, ways to keep the killdeer from leaving the area, work on the natural trail in Community Park, work on signs in Community Park and Community Park Extension, putting in boulders for climbing on, and construction of a skate park. Funding for these projects was discussed and Larry Wagner explained that in the past there has been a mix of the scout acquiring and the Town providing the materials for these projects. The general consensus of the Parks Commission members was to support the Scouts with this project as whatever they chose to work on, would benefit the entire community. Eagle Scout candidate Jake Boylan will choose what he would like to do and present his project to the Parks Commission at a later date.

Community Park and Community Park Extension: Sheila French discussed a list of work which needed to be done in these two parks and Larry Wagner brought the Commission members up to date on the progress which has been made since the last meeting.

Bathrooms. Chr. Sheila Dilmore inquired about the progress in getting a proposal for bathrooms for Community Park Extension. Larry informed the Commission that MRB has not given him a proposal as yet.

Pavilion. Larry indicated the concrete has been poured for the new pavilion in Community Park Extension. The electrical work has not been done yet. Rick Smith volunteered to do the electrical work which includes putting up four lights, and six outlets. Rick will give Larry a detailed list of the materials needed for this project.

Tube Slide/Climber. Larry contacted the company and informed the Commission that it would cost about \$700 for repairs to the climber in Community Park. Sheila French indicated she felt it might be a bad design, as this was the second time the tubes have broken in the same spot in about the same length of time.

Picnic Tables. Beth Dunning inquired what the Commission wanted to do about having the octagonal picnic tables built for the new pavilion. The Commission members agreed that they would like to have some pictures or drawings, or an example of the work done by the person Beth suggested, before making a final decision. A list of materials and cost would also be needed.

Skate Park. There was discussion if a skate park should be pursued. Before a decision can be made, more information is needed. The liability issue associated with skate parks was discussed. Sheila French wondered if equipment could be purchased from the skate park closing in Corning. The question of why Corning is closing it was questioned. Where to put the skate park was discussed—raised area that was formerly going to be a parking lot in Community Park Extension, and across the road from the playground in Community Park were suggested. Beth Dunning volunteered to obtain information about skate parks.

Pine Circle Park. Larry discussed bubbles coming out of a water puddle in the park which turned out to be a drywell which had previously been covered over.

Harris Hill Park. A new basketball pole and backboard was to be installed in the park today according to Larry. Beth requested that the parks crew clean the paint from paintballs on the playground equipment.

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, Chr. Sheila Dilmore adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the
Community Center

September 19, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Beth Dunning, Deanne Williams, Chris Friend, Rick Smith, Suzanne Brinthaupt, DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner, Town

Board

Liaison Mike Smith

Absent: Sheila French

Guests: Todd Gardner (Cinderella)

Raymond Wawrzusin (Waz Woodz)

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Sheila Dilmore at 7:00 PM.

Cinderella. Todd Gardner made a brief presentation regarding spraying the infields of the four Cinderella fields in Community Park Extension to eliminate the weeds. He had obtained a quote from Mike Carlini of True Green in Endicott, New York. The cost of the service would be \$425 per application to be done twice a year to spray the four infields. This price is for a 2 year commitment (total \$1700). There will be further investigation and discussion before any decision will be made. Chr. Sheila Dilmore will contact Todd Gardner.

Picnic Tables. Beth Dunning invited Mr. Raymond Wawrzusin to discuss building picnic tables for the new pavilion in Community Park Ext. He has been in business for 5 years doing woodworking and has all the equipment necessary to make octagonal picnic tables. He presented a notebook with pictures illustrating his work and also brought a sample (flag case) for the Commission members to see what kind of work he does. Mr. Wawrzusin submitted a proposal for the 6 picnic tables. The cost per table for non-treated lumber was \$325.00 and with treated lumber the cost was \$450.00. Larry Wagner will meet with Mr. Wawrzusin at the pavilion to measure it to see how the tables will fit. This could be a Winter project for Mr. Wawrzusin, to be ready by early Spring..

Bathrooms. Larry Wagner has a proposal from MRB for bathrooms for Community Park Extension. This needs to be evaluated. He is also requesting a separate grading proposal as well as bathrooms for Whitney Park.

Pavilion. Larry Wagner indicated that Rick Smith is ready to start on the electrical work on the new pavilion.

Skate Park. Beth Dunning has begun gathering information concerning skate parks for the Commission to consider.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chr. Sheila Dilmore adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT
THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

October 17, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Deanne Williams, Suzanne Brinthaup, Beth Dunning, Chris Friend (late), DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner

Absent: Rick Smith, Sheila French

Chr. Sheila Dilmore called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Memorial Park. There was brief discussion concerning complaints received about the operation of radio-controlled boats on Lowe Pond, the noise they make, camping in the park and parking of trucks and campers beyond the designated parking areas at the park. DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner indicated that there is to be a meeting with the County, the Troopers and Town to discuss the park at 2:30 PM Friday afternoon.

Chr. Sheila Dilmore indicated that Mr. George Simmons received a \$250 Star rebate check and wants to make a donation to Memorial Park. Larry Wagner advised to wait until after Friday's meeting to give him direction where the funds should be donated..

Town Newsletter. Beth Dunning questioned if the Parks Commission members would like to sponsor the Town Newsletter for a year as Patrons. The cost would be \$10.71 per member. The general consensus of the members present is it would be a good thing to do. Beth will collect the money. Suzanne Brinthaup indicated that the money will be needed by the middle of November. Chr. Dilmore will e-mail Rick Smith and Sheila French to inform them of the decision and see if they want to participate.

Octagonal Picnic Tables. Larry Wagner indicated he has not heard from Mr. Ray Wawrzusin as yet.

Pavilion. DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner indicated that Rick Smith and he have been working on installing the electric at the new pavilion at Community Park Extension. The lights were ordered and have arrived. Also, work has begun on constructing the parking lot.

Bathrooms. Larry received a proposal from MRB group for restroom facilities at Community Park Extension which the Commission members reviewed. There was brief discussion concerning the construction of a rectangular split block building up on the hill containing a men's room, a women's room and possibly a unisex room, a concession stand, and a divided storage area. Larry will check the building code.

Eagle Scout Project. Larry indicated that Jake Boylan had chosen to identify the trails in Community Park Extension for his Eagle Scout project.

Ponderosa Park. The Parks crew are replacing the roof on the pavilion at this park

Grant. Chr. Dilmore indicated she has applied for a \$15,000 grant for restrooms in Community Park Extension from Hamburger Helper. The grant will be awarded monthly starting October 15, 2006 and concluding in August 2007.

Reynolds Park. Larry stated that installation of the French drain is in and the area has been seeded.

Pictures. Chris Friend showed a group of pictures he took at “Fossil Creek Park” in Ft. Collins, Colorado during the summer. The pictures illustrated a climbing wall, a dinosaur to climb on and dinosaur “jaw” as an entrance to the park. It appeared to be a very unusual and fun park for children.

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, Chr. Dilmore adjourned the meeting at 8: 15 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 21, 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

NOVEMBER 21, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Deanne Williams, Beth Dunning, DPW Commissioner
Larry Wagner

Absent: Sheila French, Rick Smith, Suzanne Brinthaupt, Chris Friend

Chr. Sheila Dilmore called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Correction to 10/17/2006 Minutes: Second paragraph under Memorial Park should be amended to read: **Chr. Sheila Dilmore indicated that Mr. George Simmons received a \$250 check for jury pay for the Horton trial and wants to make a donation to Memorial Park.**

There was brief discussion on profit-making ventures in Town parks and Chr. Dilmore distributed a copy of Town Board Resolution No. 222-80, Park Policy, from the October 8, 1980 Town Board Meeting.

Park Toys. Chr. Dilmore submitted a pictures of “Cubbie Bear” swings for toddlers which had been discussed in a previous meeting as the Commission was looking for something different in toddler swings, a glider swing and for Fawn Acres Park, a free-standing slide.

Community Days Committee. DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner indicated the new President of the Community Days Committee is Marsha Hoodak

Community Park.

Garbage. Larry Wagner indicated Sheila French has advised him there was garbage collecting in the cans in Community Park. Larry indicated he had investigated and there was garbage, including two deer carcasses. This item was briefly discussed and the general consensus of the members present was that most of the garbage cans should be pulled from the park for the winter as they needed painting.

Little League. Larry advised the Commission members that the new President of the Little League is Paul Vanderlinder and the new Vice-President is Mike Felenchak.

Little League advised that a new lawn mower was purchased with their grant funding. The remainder of the grant funding will be used for the Triple A outfield fence installation and construction will begin shortly. The sides of the field will be open.

Slide Toy. Larry indicated the new parts for the slide have arrived.

Rails to Trails. Larry advised the new sign has been installed, and that Don Gaylord helped the Parks crew with the concrete work.

Community Park Extension.

Cinderella Fields. Chr. Dilmore questioned if the infields had been treated and indicated they are all brown.

Parking Lot. Larry Wagner advised that the new parking lot has been graded. Don Gaylord gets kudos for all his work.

Reynolds Park. Larry received a call that a tree limb was broken and advised Parks crew to trim the tree.

Park Rules Signs. Larry asked for a committee of Commission members to help with the project of new parks rules signs for the parks. Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Beth Dunning, Deanne Williams and Chris Friend will assist Larry with this project.

Harris Hill Park. Beth Dunning requested a couple of new small toys for the park. She suggested a teeter-totter and possibly a glider-swing toy.

Golden Glow Park. Beth requested that the Parks Commission try to come up with an activity for this park.

There being no further business, Chr. Sheila Dilmore adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Community Center

December 12, 2006
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Chr. Sheila Dilmore, Suzanne Brinthaup, Deanne Williams, Beth Dunning,
Chris Friend, Town Board Liaison Mike Smith

Absent: Sheila French, Rick Smith

Chr. Sheila Dilmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

*Correction to November 21, 2006 Minutes: 5th paragraph under Community Park
Garbage should be amended to read: Larry Wagner indicated Sheila Dilmore has advised him
there was garbage collecting in the cans in Community Park.*

RESOLUTION NO. PK 01-06
PARKS COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON RE-APPOINTED

Resolution by: Williams
Seconded by: Dunning

RESOLVE the Parks Commission recommends to Larry Wagner, DPW Commissioner, that the
Town Board re-appoint Sheila Dilmore as Chairperson of the Parks Commission for the year
2007.

CARRIED: AYES: Brinthaup, Williams, Dunning, Friend,
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: Dilmore Absent: French, Smith

RESOLUTION NO. PK 02-06
PARKS COMMISSION MEMBER RE-APPOINTED

Resolution by: Williams
Seconded by: Brinthaup

WHEREAS Beth Dunning's term will expire on December 31, 2006, and

WHEREAS Beth has expressed interest in remaining on the Parks Commission,

RESOLVE the Parks Commission recommends to Larry Wagner, DPW Commissioner, that the
Town Board re-appoint Beth Dunning to the Parks Commission with a term ending of December
31, 2013.

CARRIED: AYES: Brinthaup, Williams, Dilmore, Friend
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: Dunning Absent: French, Smith

RESOLUTION NO. PK 03-06
PARKS COMMISSION SECRETARY RE-APPOINTED

Resolution by: Dilmore
Seconded by: Brinthaup

RESOLVE the Parks Commission recommends to the DPW Commissioner Larry Wagner that the Town Board re-appoint Deanne Williams as Secretary for the Parks Commission for the year 2007.

CARRIED: AYES: Dunning, Dilmore, Friend, Brinthaup,
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: Williams Absent: French, Smith

Sign. Town Board Liaison Mike Smith remarked that he thought the new sign on Rte. 352 and Winters Road looked very good, as did the new parking lot in Community Park Extension.

Trees. Sue Brinthaup questioned if cutting the trees near the new pavilion had been discussed previously in Parks Commission meetings. Chr. Dilmore reported that it had been and trees have been cut.

Spraying. Pesticide spraying was briefly discussed. Chris Friend volunteered to look into “distance learning” for this subject.

Park Signs Rules. Chr. Sheila Dilmore suggested that after the first of the year, the committee meet to discuss the rules for the new parks signs.

Ice Skating Rink. Beth Dunning expressed interest in having an ice skating rink in Community Park. After brief discussion, Chr. Dilmore stated she would get information on ice skating rinks from Larry Wagner.

Whitney Park. Chris Friend reported that Councilman Ed Fairbrother had received a proposal for Allen Engineering to do the engineering work for that park. We already have a proposal from MRB.

Bathrooms. Discussion is needed on this subject with Larry Wagner. Building bathrooms and a concession stand in Community Park Extension out of cinderblock has been previously discussed. The present concession stand needs to be painted and the articles around it removed. The Parks Commission will request Larry to obtain estimates for bathrooms, so this project can move forward.

Beth Dunning reported that the ladies bathroom in Community Park is in need of repair. The Parks Commission requests that Larry Wagner ask Tom Tokar to repair the stalls and give the sink a good cleaning. The men’s restroom should be checked for repairs also. This would be a good winter project.

Community Days Committee. Kathy Shoemaker and Mark Gould are two new Co-Chairpersons of the Community Days Committee. Sue Brinthaup suggested that they be invited to a future Parks Commission meeting, possibly in March. In January or February, the Parks Commission members should discuss two or three projects on the priority list.

There being no further business, Chr. Dilmore adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: 1/16/07 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER